

Title: Percutaneous Left Atrial Appendage Closure (LAAC) Therapy

Decision: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will allow coverage for percutaneous left atrial appendage closure (LAAC) for non-valvular atrial fibrillation (NVAF) through Coverage with Evidence Development with certain conditions.

What this means: Left atrial appendage closure therapy (LAAC) for non-valvular atrial fibrillation may be covered only for members enrolled in a CMS-approved registry or clinical study. Please refer to the final decision memo for all coverage criteria.

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This announcement can be found at: [Decision Memo for Percutaneous Left Atrial Appendage \(LAA\) Closure Therapy](#)

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